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ing my gallery. I will then not be able to take
pictures until I move into my quarters in the
new building. I hope those who want pictures
will call as early as possible and let me serve
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Peck's Bad Boy and His Pa.

"Well, Henery, I am sorry to find
you in this fix," said the groceryman
as he tiptoed into the darkened room
at the house of the bad boy, where he
found him in bed, propped up with
pillows, a pallor on his face that was
frightful, and a general look of gone-
ness. "Your pa tells me you have
been sick nearly a week. I thought
things at the grocery was going along
in a solemn sort of a manner. Don't
hurt you to talk to you does it?" and
the groceryman looked around for a
chair to sit down in.

"Naw, it don't hurt," said the bad
boy, as he motioned to a chair, and
the groceryman sat down. "If talk-
ing would kill me I would have been
dead long ago. By the way, I wish
you would hand me that mustard
plaster. You will find it in the chair
you are setting on," and the boy
smiled a sickly smile, while the gro-
ceryman got up as though he were in
a hurry, and apologized for sitting on
the plaster. "No apology necessary,"
said the bad boy. "When anybody
comes to see me they are welcome to
the best we have got. A soft answer
turneth away wrath, and a mustard
plaster covereth a multitude of pneu-
monia," and Henery applied the
plaster to his chest, and asked the
groceryman to hand him a box of
pills on the table. The groceryman
handed the boy a box of pills and a
glass of water, and he took a small
handful of pills and a swallow of wa-
ter, smacked his lips and said:

"Ah! A nectar fit for gods. Do
you know there is something about
being sick that takes the cake? You
can lay and sleep, or raise up and
cough. And then, the beautiful
medicine the doctor leaves! I take it
because it pleases the doctor. He is
a nice man, but I don't think a man
can feel of your pulse and listen to the
mocking birds in your heart by hold-
ing his ear on your shirt, and tell
what is the matter with you. Gim n!
a drink. Now I want you to do some-
thing for me, as I may not pull
through, and pa is so busy in politics
that he can't attend to anything.
Are you there, Moriarity?"

"Yes, yes," said the groceryman, as
he saw the boy had something he
wanted to say, "out with it now, and
I will do anything you ask me to."
"Well, you know that man with-
out any legs, that plays the hand-
organ down on the corner. I want you
to take my skates to him and tell
him—"

"Great heavens!" said the grocery-
man, "what do you want to send a
pair of skates to a man that hasn't got
any legs for?"

"Don't interrupt the speaker," said
the bad boy, as he took a pill for a
change.
"Take the skates to him, and tell him
I lead them to him until I get well.
He has got three boys, and they are
poor to buy skates, and they can take
turns using mine, and I shall not
miss them, for if I live the skating
will be all gone before I get out doors
and if I die, there will be no skating
where I am going."

"O, say, hush up now," said the
groceryman. "You are not half so
sick as you think you are, and there
is no hurry about your dividing up
your worldly goods. In a day or
two you will be out as good as new,
making it interesting for all of us.
What was the hired girl laughing
at when she let me in! She said
something about your scaring the
folks out of seven years growth, just
before you were taken sick," and the
groceryman thought if he could get
the sick boy talking about some-
thing funny it would cure him.

"Well, said the boy, as he laughed
so the skin was drawn across his
pinched face, "it was awful mean,
but ma wanted to know what time
pa got home nights, since he has got
to working the ward for alderman.
You see he comes in at all times of
the night, and tries to keep still so
as not to wake ma up. He comes in
and undresses in the dark, and re-
tires and ma don't wake up. I have
got a friend working in a jewelry
store, and got him to lend me six of
those little alarm clocks, and I wound
them all up, and placed around the
house where I could touch them off
when pa came in. I put one on the
hatrack, and when pa came in just
after midnight I touched it off just
as he put his hat on the
hat rack and crept half way up stairs
in the dim light. Pa was trying to
be quiet, and when that alarm went
off he looked sick. He didn't know
what it was but he just stood still,
with his overcoat half off, and waited
for the thing to run down, and
he was listening all the time to see
if ma woke up. I had told ma to
pretend to be asleep until the last one
went off, which I had placed on the
foot of the bed, and then for her to
get up and begin to throw chairs.
Pa started up stairs as soon as the
clock stopped, in his stocking feet,
and just as he got half way up stairs
I touched off the second alarm, and
pa stopped and I went up to the
head of the stairs to get another one
ready. Pa got hold of the clock
and tried to stop the noise by hold-
ing it under his coat, and he listened
for ma some more, but ma didn't
show up. When the clock got
through sputtering pa came on up
stairs, and at the top the third one
went off, and then he was mad. He
thought that would wake ma up
but she snored right along through

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it all and pa breathed hard and said
some political words. When that
clock stopped I slipped in the bed-
room and whispered to ma and told
her that I was going to let all three
of the others go off at once, and she
said all right, so I waited till pa got
turned on all three of them, and I
slipped out in the hall, and then I be-
gan to hear chairs tumble around,
and pa began to beg. I guess he
thought there was a causer. When
the chairs had all been thrown I
turned up the gas in the hall and
came in just as though I had been
frightened out of bed, and there stood
ma laughing just as hard as she could
and pa had crawled under the bed with
only his feet sticking out, and I
think he was saying his now I lay
me down to sleep. Ma coaxed him
out and maybe she did not read the
riot act to him. She made him prom-
ise to keep away from politics and
try to be a man, and I guess he will.
But I had to pay for one clock, cause
pa fell on it and busted the works
flatter than a tin plate. But we had
fun, and I guess my staying up in the
hall waiting for pa gave me the cold
that made me sick, but I feel better
now, and I will be out to-morrow.
Don't you know, that when a sick
person says and thinks about dying
it makes them worse, when if they
get to talking about something in-
teresting it braces them up? Come
in again, boss and when I get well
I will come over to the grocery and
talk to you till you are sick," and
the bad boy rolled over to go to sleep,
while the groceryman went out be-
lieving that nothing less than a can-
non ball would kill the bad boy—
Peck's Sun.

STRAWBERRY POINT, IOWA.

EDITOR SOUTH KENTUCKIAN:

For several weeks I have been eager
to write you a short letter, but my
time has been so employed until the
last few days that writing was an im-
possibility. Now as I am having a
few hours of leisure each day, I will
venture to write you.

On the 10th of last July I started
from Kentucky to Iowa, was only
twenty four hours on the road, land-
ing at Strawberry Point on the next
day. Thus have eight months passed
rapidly since I bade farewell to Ken-
tucky perhaps never to return again.

All of my time has been spent in
and around this place since my com-
ing. We are yet in the midst of win-
ter, with the snow three feet deep and
as I write it is falling rapidly. Al-
most every day this month it has
snowed. Since the 15th of December
the ground has not been visible on
account of snow, consequently we
have had three solid months of good
sleighing. Since that time we have
not seen a vehicle on wheels except
cars and many have suggested that
they be put on runners. Let the wind
begin to blow and continue for two or
three hours and we have a blockade
for a few days and this is the case at
present. It takes the continued ef-
forts of all the snow shovelers they
can employ to throw out what snow
will blow into the cuts in a few hours
time. All along the railroad may be
seen almost mountains of snow. Thus
while we have had such an abun-
dance of rain that has caused so much
damage along the banks of the larger
streams we have been taking solid
comfort by a big wood fire with
the thermometer all the way from zero
down to 40 degrees below. While
we have had extremely cold weather
here it does not seem to me I have
suffered from cold as much as in your
warmer climate. The air is dry and
pure, while with you it is damp and
consequently more penetrating. Every
day almost I am asked how I like
an Iowa winter. My answer is that
I have really enjoyed it and shall not
become disgusted unless it continues
till the 4th of July. But within a
month I am sure the snow will all be
gone. It disappears very rapidly when
it starts and perhaps may flood the
country and we may possibly yet have
to go through what Kentucky, Indiana
and Ohio have just passed through.

But I must give you some descrip-
tion of this place and the general re-
sources of the country. Strawberry
Point, or Endfield is a town of 800 in-
habitants, is located on the Davenport
division of the C. M. & H. P. R. R.
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West of Davenport and fifty miles
North West of Dubuque. Near the
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ing about 8 degrees further north
than you. It is a thriving town con-
sisting of four hardware stores, three
drug stores, seven general stores, one
bank, seven saloons, (at present) two
millinery establishments, two jewel-
ry stores, two boot and shoe shops,
two harness shops and two hotels.
Two newspapers are published here,
one of each political party. The town
gives a Republican majority through
Clayton county is Democratic. The
State gives a Republican majority of
25,000 or thereabouts, and consequent-
ly elected a Republican Governor last
year. The prohibition bill passed the
Legislature by a vote of 51 to 41. This
bill prohibits the manufacture and
sale in the State of all intoxicating
liquors. Heretofore the so much talked
of prohibition in this State only pro-
hibited the manufacture and sale of
whisky, thereby exempting wine
and beer from State taxation. This
was exempt to secure the German im-
migration into the state: what will be
the result of this recent act the
Legislature can hardly be predicted

An Assassin's Horrible Death.

On the 5th of January, 1758, as
King Louis XV. was entering his
carriage at Versailles, a stout young
man pushed through the Swiss Guards
and stabbed the King with a pocket
knife. The wound was slight, but all
France was convulsed. The assassin
was Pierre Damiens, a fanatic,
without accomplices, plain or rational
motives.

In his pocket was found a neatly
bound New Testament, and his pur-
pose was to promote the orthodox
faith. From the hour of his arrest
to the moment of his death, a period
of two months and twenty-three days,
he was in torture wherever he was
awake, so cruelly was he bound,
chained and confined. When at
last the day of execution came, he
was taken to the torture chamber and
subjected to the greatest amount of
anguish which the human frame is
capable of enduring, surgeons stand-
ing by to give timely notice of insen-
sibility.

Then he was driven by a circuitous
route through the streets of Paris to
the place of execution. This took an
hour and a half. Another half he
was kept waiting in full view of the
preparations, the apparatus not being
ready. Then in view of the assem-
bled multitude, many of whom were
women, he was placed on a lofty
platform and the hellish work began.
First his right hand was burned off;
next, masses of flesh were torn from
him by red-hot pincers and melted
lead and resin poured into the wounds;
lastly, a strong horse was attached to
each of his four limbs, and an attempt
was made to tear him to pieces.

After a considerable period it was
found impossible to do this, and a
message was sent for permission to
cut the muscles of the joints. It was
refused, and again an attempt was
made to tear the limbs apart, but
without success. A second time
word was sent that the horses could
not tear the dying wretch asunder.
Permission was then given, and the
muscles were severed, but not until
both legs and one arm had been torn
off did the prisoner expire.

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WOMEN AND MEN.

The Worst of Women Better Than the Average Man.

"Bystander" in Detroit Times.

I wonder where even strict moralists find their authority for the universal practice of allowing a young man an intermediate time in life in which to sow his wild oats? On the other hand, I wonder if anybody ever admitted the same necessity in the case of girls? I often hear it said that a man should have his amusements, his clubs, cigars, fast horses, flirtations, and wines. Now, suppose the women and girls should risk with the odor of cigars and whisky? Suppose they became openly addicted to taking a "nip of something" when their spirits were low? Suppose they sat down among their fellows and gambled away a fortune just to pass the dull hours. It is customary to demand so much of excellence at the hands of women that the worst of them are apt to be better in every way than the average man. I have known some women who were social outcasts, but who, in point of heart, conduct, and general moral rectitude, might have furnished material for the making of very upright gentlemen, indeed.

They have fallen, it is true, but what a fearful penalty they have paid for that fall! While, by comparison, the kindred penalties of men are so light. If a young man gets mixed up in some disgraceful entanglement, breaks a heart and throws a young girl upon the streets, after having ruined her life, people say of him, compassionately by and by: "He was so young when he did it, and now he has turned over a new leaf." But if an inexperienced girl, a mere child of sixteen or seventeen, comes to harm in a moment of moral weakness, born perhaps of too much love and over-confidence, who ever thinks of pleading her youth as an excuse? Who ever urges seriously, that a girl has turned a new leaf? Who, in short, ever urges upon her attention the desirability or necessity of doing so?

The Hottest Spot on Earth.

One of the hottest regions of the earth is along the Persian Gulf, where little or no rain falls. At Bahrin the arid shore has no fresh water, yet a comparatively numerous population contrives to live there, thanks to the copious springs which burst forth from bottom of the sea. The fresh water is got by diving. The diver, sitting in his boat winds a great goat-skin bag around his left arm, the hand grasping its mouth; then he takes in his hand a heavy stone, to which is attached a strong line, and this equipped, he plunges in and quickly reaches the bottom. Instantly opening the bag over the jet of fresh water, he springs up the ascending current, at the same time closing the bag, and is helped on board. The stone is then hauled up, and the diver, after taking a breath, plunges in again. The source of these copious submarine springs is thought to be in the green hills of Oman, some 500 or 600 miles distant.

So Say We.

Judge Payne, elected to the Legislature from Warren county, has never been to Frankfort and never served an hour in that body because of confinement at home by sickness. All the same he was sworn in by a justice of the peace, and is trying to draw his pay. He is not morally or honestly entitled to a cent, and the State Treasurer should refuse to honor his claim. The payment of Payne is an imposition on tax-payers and a salary grab of the most odious character.—Madisonville Times.

Not in the Play.

The humors of the stage are oftentimes impromptu and entirely unforeseen. A real made was recently one of the attractions in the play of the "Forty Thieves," as produced in Virginia City, Nev. The result is described by the Chronicle as follows:

No sooner had Ali come out of the cave with his bags of wealth, and attempted to put them on the back of the beast, than he began his part of the performance. He let fly with his heels, kicked the shavings (the supposed riches) out of the bags, kicked down the cavern, kicked down the whole forest, kicked the end of the bass-viol leaning against the stage to pieces, smashed the footlights, and finally doubled up Ali by planting both feet in the pit of his stomach. A rope was fastened around him, and he was dragged off by the united string of the orchestra.

Afraid of Secret Societies.

[Marathon Independent.]

"No," said Fiskins, "I don't think I shall ever try to join the Masons. It's too dangerous."

"Dangerous! How?"

"Oh, you see we hear about so many murders in the first, second and third degrees that I don't dare try it."

Leap Year in Spain.

I noticed that a Spanish girl of my acquaintance held her fan half open. I asked the philosophy of the thing.

"Why, you wouldn't have me hold it any other way would you?" she said with mild surprise.

"What difference does it make?"

"All the difference. If I keep it closed it means I hate you."

"Heaven forbid!"

"And if I open it wide it means I love you."

As she began to open it I fled.

Medical Courtship.

He is a young doctor and she a Vassar graduate. Last Thursday evening he said to her:

"Do you know, dear, I have a heart affection for you?"

"Have you had it long?" she coyly inquired.

"O, yes, I feel that I will live troubled life without you," he fervently responded.

"Then you had better asthma," she softly murmured.

Then he hugged her so hard that he had to rest her collar bone.

A Miner's "Close Shave."

A miner in the hills near Socorro, New Mexico, made a lucky strike in a wonderful manner lately. Two weeks ago while tramping over the rocks, the prospector suddenly discovered that his haversack was on fire, caught probably from the conversation of the sun's rays by a prospector's glass which he carried in his kit. Now that haversack contained about six pounds of blasting powder, and our hero dropped the bundle and got out of reach as fast as his legs would carry him. The bundle of traps fell into a crevice in the rocks and the powder soon exploded. The prospector turned mournfully to gather up such of his effects as were uninjured by the explosion, when something in the appearance of the shattered rock struck his eye, he examined it closely—it was horn silver. The now jubilant miner located a claim at once, which he called the "close shave," and in less than a week disposed of one-third interest at \$13,000. The name of the "honest son of the pick and shovel" is John Quincy Adams, and he hails from Western Ohio. John is well known in Socorro County, and receives the congratulations of his friends in a modest manner. John Adams' "close shave" is a byword now in the mining camps.—Las Vegas Gazette.

Percentograph.

A patent has been obtained by Mr. Sylvester J. Tucker, of Richmond Va. for an instrument styled the "Percentograph." It is particularly intended to be used by rail road and steamboat companies for determining percentages and proportions in dividing rates, revenues and expenditures, based on mileage, time, wages, etc. In twenty years experience, this is the first time that a really new principle in the high order of mathematics has been introduced. The instrument is not only applicable to general offices of rail and steamship lines, but in billing offices (especially through billing offices) as it is peculiarly adapted to division of manifests' totals—thus enabling the billing clerk to insert the proportion of dollars and cents to each line in interest, without trouble or risk, as the results are absolutely correct. Its construction is so simple and easily worked that an intelligent boy can manipulate it with entire confidence, and it will, in a few hours, do the work, without rental labor, heretofore requiring days of hard study.

Consumption Cured.

An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India Missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy for the speedy and permanent cure of Consumption, Bronchitis, Catarrh, asthma and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for Nervous Debility and all Nervous Complaints, after having tested it with wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge, to all who desire it, this receipt, in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by adding with stamp, naming this paper. W. L. NOYES, 149 Power's Block, Rochester, N. Y.

Maria Johnson colored patient in the Lexington Asylum, made a rope of her braided clothes torn into strips and and hung herself to the cross bar of the window.

FUN AHEAD.

An Improved Congressional Record.

If Congress resolve to act upon the suggestion made by Senator Miller that the Congressional Record be issued as a weekly and sent to every family in the country, some modification ought to be made of the contents of the Record. The paper is much too heavy and dismal in its present condition to be welcomed in the ordinary American household. Perhaps it might have a puzzle department, and if so one of the first puzzles could take the shape of an inquiry how it happens that so many Congressmen get rich on \$5,000 a year. The department of Answers to Correspondents could be enriched with references to letters from office-seekers, and the department of Household Economy could contain explanations of how the members frank their shirts home through the postoffice so as to get them in the family wash. As for the general contents, describing the business proceedings of the Senate and House, we recommend that these should be put into the form of verse. We should treat them, say, something in this fashion:

Mr. Hill
Introduced a bill
To give John Smith a pension.

Mr. Bayard
Told his friend first,
But said nothing worthy of mention.

This would be succinct, musical and in a degree impressive. The youngest readers could grasp the meaning of it and it could easily be committed to memory. Or a scene in the House might be depicted in such terms as these:

A very able speech was made by Cox of Minnesota
Respecting the necessity of protecting the black voter.

"Was indignantly responded to by Smith of Alabama,
Whose abominable talk was silenced by the Speaker's hammer."

Then Atkinson of Kansas rose to make an explanation,
But was pulled down by a colleague in a state of indignation.

And Mr. Alexander, in a speech about insurance,
Treated the patience of his hearers pretty nearly past endurance.

After which Judge Whitaker denounced the reciprocity
Treaty with Hawaii as a scandalous monopoly.

It would be advisable of course to vary the meter as much as possible in order to prevent the monotony which would otherwise dull the interest of the reader.

After giving the proceedings in the House as above, something of a more spirited nature perhaps could be inserted into the Senate reports. Suppose, for example, the pages devoted to the Senate should lead off with something of this kind:

"Then up rose Smith, of Florida, the best of the debaters,
And spoke about his measure for protecting the negro."

He showed how tourists shoot at them without regard for reason,
And asked to have it made a crime to kill them out of season.

Then Brown he moved amendment by inserting a brief clause
Compelling alligators not to operate their jaws;

But Smith he up and said of him who thought the subject comical,
That Nature, when she gave him sense, had been too economical.

And Brown, responding briefly, wished to say in this connection
That Smith in guarding reptiles had an eye to self protection.

Then Smith he gave a volume of the Message and Reports,
And Brown was laid upon the floor a good deal out of sorts.

Of course versification of the Congressional Record would require the services of a poet laureate, of rather unusual powers. If Congress shall accept seriously the suggestions which we make with an earnest desire to promote the public interest, we shall venture to recommend the selection of the Sweet Singer of Michigan as the first occupant of the laureate's office.—St. Petersburg Letter.

SPANISH MURDERS AND BRIGANDAGE.

AGE.

In Spain there is not much actual murder, but there is rampant brigandage, which only stops short of murder providing it can rob without it. Even in Madrid itself, one of the finest and most frequented streets, a member of the Senate was, only two years ago, kept prisoner in his own bedroom and threatened with death until he paid the ransom demanded of him.

Bands of robbers, as is only too well known, haunt the mountain districts even in the neighborhood of the capital. The brigands are said to have friends in very high places; they exercise a terror which prevents quiet people from daring to give evidence against them; they walk out of prison if they are put into it, and when they hold land they pay to the Government just the amount of taxes that they think convenient.

Justice again is slow in most countries, but in Spain it scarcely moves at all. Every process is secret, and everything is carried on in writing. The pile of papers heaped up in reference to the murder of Gen. Prim ten years ago mounts up and up; but it is not even yet thought high enough, and a trial seems as far off as ever. The Government is as unable as any one else to issue a speedy conviction, and if it really wants to get rid of notorious criminals, it shoots them on the pretext that they are trying to escape.

A GENTLEMAN being twitted by a friend about the brevity of his underpinning, replied: "My legs reach the ground, what more can you do?"

THE DECLINE OF NEW ORLEANS.

The causes of the decadence of New Orleans it is no difficult matter to determine—crevasses, epidemics—there were fifteen of them in twenty-seven years—the low water (twelve feet) at the mouth of the river, and the prejudice existing against manufactures and mechanical trades as degrading. In the matter of health it is somewhat startling that the early settlers of New Orleans were wont to boast of its salubrity; that before 1796 yellow-fever was unknown, and that until nineteen years, between 1799 and 1798, the population of New Orleans increased 67 per cent, without immigration, whereas to-day, so Dr. Jones assures us, it would rapidly decrease, as the deaths largely exceed the births.

It is encouraging to notice that we now fully understand the evils which have reduced New Orleans from the fourth to the tenth position in the list of American cities, and are now endeavoring to correct them. That the depth of water at the mouth of the river has been increased so as to accommodate the largest vessels; that we now appreciate the value of manufactures, are doing all in our power to develop them, and have actually doubled our products in ten years; and that we are devoting all our spare time and money to the improvement of our sanitary condition, with wonderful results, as shown by the decrease of our annual death-rate from 51 per 1,000 before the war to 25 per 1,000 to-day. Mr. Cable's book tells the melancholy story of how New Orleans lost the chance of becoming the greatest city in America—an opportunity once within its grasp; it will help us, we hope, to turn back much of this lost trade, prestige and pre-eminence.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

THIS is the Pickwickian form which a Western editor adopts to abuse a rival: "Our esteemed contemporary, the miserable, low-lived, scurrilous periodical published on Larimer street."

In Egypt there is a pseudo-legislative body called the Chamber of Notables. The Notables coerce the Khedive, and the army chiefs coerce the Notables.

YANKEES IN RUSSIA.

Hating the Germans, looking down on the French, and disliking the English, the Russians seem to reserve all their goodwill for Americans. With them "American" or "Yankee" is the synonym of indomitable energy, of intrepid enterprise, of wonderful ability, and of frank truth-telling. They call their own ablest engineers, inventors and discoverers "Yankees" by way of compliment. M. Gablockhoff, the inventor of the electric candle, and Col. Prijevasky, the bold Asiatic explorer, are sample Russian Yankees.

Once I was talking with a Russian friend about the possible destiny of our globe. "There is no need of worrying ourselves about the fate of the globe," he said, "for there can be no serious danger for her so long as she has on board our transatlantic friends. If a collision with some other planet should threaten her, the Yankees would at once rig up a rudder, sails, or some other device, and get her out of the scrape."

The Russians are particularly charmed with the democratic manners of Americans. These appeal to a characteristic national trait of the Russians themselves. They despise from the bottom of their hearts all pretension, arrogance, and walking on stilts. That is why the Russians stretch friendly hands to the people across the ocean, in spite of the abyss that lies between their Government and that of the Union.

My personal experience is that American citizens in general, and American business men in particular, are warmly welcomed in Russia. On the part of the Czar's Government there is not the least fear that they will inoculate the Russians with republicanism. Once I asked a Colonel of gendarmes whether he had any apprehension of dangerous results from the close relations of the Russians and the Americans. "Not the least," he answered, promptly. "Your citizens are too sensible and practical to be dangerous to our Government. To imagine a practical Yankee indulging in theorizing with idle Russians would be to suppose the most improbable of all improbable things."

The Russian capitalists and business men in general are apparently glad to have Americans come here, and closely observe their ways of doing business. They prefer to invite American engineers to Russia instead of sending their engineers to study in America.—St. Petersburg Letter.

HIGH-PRICED BUTTER.

One of them was a stockman from Western Texas, named Bob Gazely, and the other was an old Galvestonian, named Col. William Griswold. They were talking about stock-raising. The man from Western Texas said, impressively:

"I tell you what, Colonel, there is more money in goats than any other critter that eats Texas grass. People will keep on raising fine horses and cattle, and lose money by it, while there is more money in one goat than you can shake a stick at," and he went on to tell of the rapid increase, the price of goatskins, etc.

"You are right," replied Griswold, "I am a goat man myself. I've got a goat in my yard right now I wouldn't part with for \$75."

"He must be a fine animal. He is half Angora, I reckon. I must see him."

"Come along then."

After they had trudged about an hour they reached the residence of the Galvestonian. The goat was tied up in an outhouse. The Western Texas man looked at the goat with a bewildered air.

"There ain't no Angora in that goat."

"There is money in him for all that," responded the owner.

The stockman felt the animal all over, looked at the texture of his hair, and then said:

"I can't see any points that goat has got over any other goat. Did you say you paid \$75 for that scrub?"

"That goat cost me \$75, and I expect to get my money back."

"Well, you couldn't get it out of me."

"I am not trying to get it out of you, but I hope to get it out of the goat."

But I'll tell you candidly, if you had chewed up my vest pocket with \$75 in it, like that goat did, I'd have it out of you some way or other."

Then the stockman caught hold of his own vest, and laughed until a crowd began to gather.—Galveston News.

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